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What's Going On?

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & OPEN AIR GARAGE SALE- - - - - November 17th B.H.A. NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING- - - - - - - - - - - - November 20th CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - December 15th ADULTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - December 21st

BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN? Tuesday, November 20th - coffee at 7:30pm

WHERE? Circle M Ranch (nursery school) ½ mile east of Bell Shoals on Bloomingdale (north side of the road)

AGENDA: Elections of 6 Board of Directors, finalization of Christmas parties, your input for next year's events

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY-Due to the wet reception Mother Nature gave Santa last year, we will try it indoors this year. Breakfast with Santa will be at Ben's Family Restaurant on December 15th at 8:30 am. Tickets will be available at the November general meeting. The cost is; B.H.A. members, free; non-members, \$1.00/ticket. You may contact Maureen Pheils at 681-9026 for tickets if you cannot attend the meeting. Every child must have a ticket as this is our method of knowing how many meals are served at Ben's. Parents are encouraged to attend (adult meals are not furnished but are available at \$3.00/meal). If you can help call Maureen.

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY-This year we are getting together at Centre Place on December 21st at 8:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the November and December general meetings or from Chris Pheils or Gloria Dyke. year your older teens are invited- it's BYOB, setups provided. More later and at the meetings. This is a good time to get together, new & old alike.



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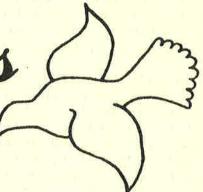
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BHA NEWS

Sorry about the change of nights for the recent October's BHA meeting. This was done to accommodate Mr. Clements' schedule. As it turned out, he still had a conflict and was unable to attend. Apparently the change of meeting night also caught a lot of our members with conflicts as we had very small attendance. We did have the opportunity to hear and discuss Mark Proctor's views on a great many items and issues affecting this rapidly growing 62nd District (this includes all of Bloomingdale). The evening was very helpful to those able to attend. will be an informed choice on November 6th. I hope you're all planning to vote on November 6th for the candidate of your choice in this big election, and on November 20th for our little election.







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Signs of rabies include stages of both high excitability and paralysis. In furious rabies, animals become very sensative to noise and may bite any object that moves. Wild animals with rabies may appear tame, and nocturnal animals may be seen wandering around during the day.

In our county yearly rabies vaccinations are required for all cats and dogs. It is very important that your pet(s) be vaccinated regularly to prevent the spread of disease. If your pet does not have a current rabies shot, and if he should bite someone, he may have to be pu to sleep.

All animal bites should be reported to the Health Department, and should be seen by a doctor. They can tell you what to do if you cannot locate the animal or if it died after the bite occurred.



The most important thing to remember is to wash the bite wound for at least 10 minutes with hot, soapy water immediately, and then have the wound treated by your doctor.

Rabies has increased dramatically in cats is Florida. For every 3 cases of canine rabies, there are 4 cases of feline rabies.

As a final note, rabies treatment is no longer 20 painful injections in the abdomen. Now a series of 5 injections are given in the arm and buttocks. These are much less painful, however the cost is approximately \$100 per shot.

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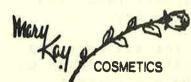
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Because of last year's severe cold snap, many people are hesitant to plant anything at this time of year. November is an excellent time to plant a wide variety of woody ornamentals and fruit and shade trees. Generally speaking, only plants of a tropical nature require planting early in the season in order to acclimate or gain strength for winter. If a plant requires this much special treatment, I advise against planting it at all unless you have a strong desire to see it in your yard.

Many azaleas planted late last year suffered cold damage, causing some people to believe that September is the last month to plant them. However, it must be realized that many mature azaleas also were hurt and split their wood late this summer. A lot of the "sting" involved with losing recently planted shrubs and trees is that their cost is fresh in your mind. However, if you plant wisely, your investment is more secure.

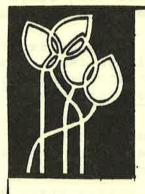
Any deciduous tree is best planted when dormant. Usually this dormant period extends from November through February. Trees which are included in this category are oaks, maples, sweet gums, dogwoods, elms and redbud. Fruit trees which come under this heading are apple, peach, pear, nectarine, pecan and persimmon. Many of these are available bare-root and in containers during the winter months. Setting them out now gives them a good, strong root system for the summer heat.

Many evergreen plants and shrubs can also be planted now, especially native Florida evergreens. By evergreen, I mean any plant that holds green leaves year round, not just conifers. Evergreen shrubs include feijoa guava, pittosporums, ilex, hollys, anise and others. Low-growing

plants and ground-covers which can be planted now are Florida zamia, barberry, raphiolepsis, cotoneaster, pittosporum 'wheelerie' and the numerous border grasses or leriopes. Consider using evergreen trees such as magnolia, sweet bay magnolea, loblolly bay, live oak and East Palatka holly in your landscape. Palms which can still be installed include the windmill palm, European fan palm, needle palm, washingtonia and butia palm.

. Annuals for the winter are another entire subject. A brief list of
favorites are petunias, snapdragons,
pansies, pinks and salvia. Flowers
during the winter are especially welcome and usually more easily maintained
than in the summer's heat. Impatiens
and begonias planted now may freeze
back this winter but will reappear
early in the spring and subsequently
come on strong.

In Florida you should not hesitate to landscape during this time. By knowing what and when you can safely plant, you can protect your investment and still enjoy year round gardening pleasure. Happy Gardening!



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One of those ways to prepare your house just prior to each showing so that the prospective purchaser sees it in the best possible "light" is to shed some light on the subject--your home. Sure, open all the drapes! Raise the shades and open the blinds so that the maximum amount of sunshine enters your home.

Then turn on every light in the house, even in the closets where available. Leave every closet door wide open too. That makes the room appear larger than life. In the bathrooms, go ahead and turn on those high powered heat lamps and put up perky fresh towels to actually bring warmth and personality to the usually small bathrooms.

If weather permits and provided there are also screen or storm doors at each entrance, leave the doors wide open too. The object of course is to have sunlight streaming through every window and door, creating a bright, comfortable atmosphere for the prospective buyer.

Why not place some fresh cut flowers in a vase on the dining table? In the cooler winter months, put a log in the fireplace and treat the buyer to the warmth of a blazing fire. Use your imagination to help create a faster sale!

You see, most home buyers start by defining the type home they wish to buy. They set certain guidelines such as location, price, size, etc. All that information is logical, and makes good sense, but that is also where logic ends! Once the realtor has located a variety of homes which meet the basic needs of the purchaser, the final decision will be purely emotional.

Think back to when you purchased your last home. You probably saw several which met your family's needs, but settled on the one which "felt good" to you. There was a certain warmth or comfort you experienced each time you visited that one house. Perhaps the smell of blooming spring flowers caught your attention, or the touch of the moss rock fireplace, or the bright sunlit kitchen. The fact is your senses made the final decision for you.

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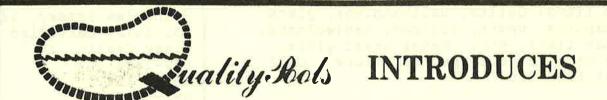
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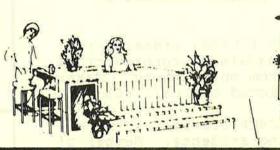
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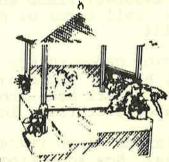
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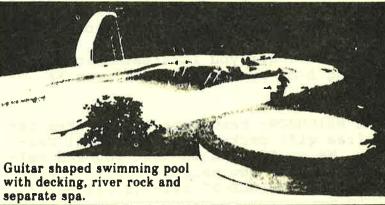




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